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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TOMOHARU HASE) Examiner: E. Jones
Appln. No.: 09/145,982) Group Art Unit: 2851
Filed: September 3, 1998)
For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND) September 13, 1999
DEVICE MANUFACTURING) (Monday)
METHOD INCLUDING GAS)
PURGING OF A SPACE)
CONTAINING OPTICAL)
COMPONENTS)

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 12, 1999 for one month from August 12, 1999 to Monday, September 13, 1999.

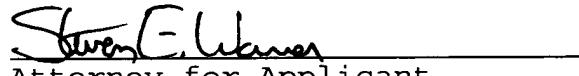
Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 CFR 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010.

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